



PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 OF GRANT COUNTY

MEETING OUR CUSTOMER ENERGY NEEDS IN A COST CONSCIOUS MANNER.

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The Honorable Greg Nickels
Mayor, City of Seattle
600 Fifth Avenue – 12th Floor
Seattle WA 98104

Dear Mayor Nickels:

The purpose of this letter is to report my experience with the Superintendent of Seattle City Light, Gary Zarker.

As manager of Grant County Public Utility District I negotiated new power sales contracts with Mr. Zarker. My experience was that he bargained hard for power and held out for a very low price – three times lower than market. He was also insistent on assurances for salmon protection and collegial relationships with the Indian tribes.

More recently I have worked with Mr. Zarker to oppose radical experiments with the region's electrical transmission system. Many of us believe those policies would replicate in the Northwest the tragic experience in California. Mr. Zarker has been an effective and strong voice speaking out for the protection of ratepayers in both Seattle and the Northwest.

I have worked on Northwest issues for twenty-five years as a policy maker on the Northwest Power Planning Council and as manager of publicly owned utilities. I view Mr. Zarker as one of the most accomplished managers with whom I have worked.

Sincerely,

Don Godard, Manager

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